COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

17th of December 1931.

Thursday, the ———————

2nd of Dhanu 1107.

The House met at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, Paul Mampilli, I. Raman Menon, A. Sankara Menon and P. I. Varugis were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Article in Mahathi.

161. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the article under the heading "ാദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്" on page 4 of the Mahathi, dated 23rd Karkadagam 1106/8th August 1931;

(2) if so, what action they have taken and with what result?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

The matter was enquired into and was found to require no immediate action.

Confirmation.

162. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House.—

(1) whether it is priority of appointment or length of service that is looked to for making confirmation of appointments in Government Service;

(2) whether there is any Chief Court ruling bearing on the matter;

(3) and if the answer for (2) is in affirmative what the ruling is?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) The Member is referred to S. O. No. 17 and the note thereto.

(2) No.

(3) Does not arise in view of the answer to (2).

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Standing order No. 17 does not refer to my question. That is concerned with promotions. Is it necessary that I should read it?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—For confirmations in service, suppose a man is temporarily appointed in a short vacancy.

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After that another man is temporarily appointed in a longer vacancy. When the first man's period is over naturally, the second man must be turned out and the first man must be put in. When that is not done the difficulty comes for confirmation.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—The answer is not clear.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—In such cases the total service for which the person is appointed is taken into consideration.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Am I to understand the length of service is looked into?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes, the total length of service is taken into consideration.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is it the considered opinion of the Government?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

Panchayat works—not executed.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of items sanctioned in the budget for Panchayats which lapsed for non-execution in 1106 showing the amount sanctioned and the reason for the lapse in each case and how such amounts were utilised by the Department;

(b) amount of items sanctioned in the budget which were transferred to other items in 1106?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Two lists are appended (*Appendix I*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(b). There are a number of items. May I know whether all these transfers were made with the sanction of the Diwan?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it brought to the notice of the Council?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

T. A. drawn by Officers.

164. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state in print the amount of Travelling allowance drawn by each of the officers who have power to fix the programme of their tours during the year 1106?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A list containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Appendix II*).

Exemption from age-limit.

165. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons who wer-

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